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SUBJECT: 1976 CHINESE STEEL PRODUCTION

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1. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE LI CHIANG TOLD USLO FEBRUARY 7
THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM WITH STEEL PRODUCTION IN 1976 WAS NOT DAMAGE
TO THE TANGSHAN STEEL COMPLEX BUT THE SHORTAGE OF COKING COAL.
THE KAILUAN MINES, WHICH HAD PRODUCED 25 MILLION TONS A YEAR,
WERE STILL NOT BACK IN FULL PRODUCTION, AS THEY WERE STILL
PUMPING WATER OUT OF THE PITS.

2. JAPANESE ECONOMIC MINISTER ICHIKAWA SAID THAT POSSIBLE
OF ANSA STORY ON REDUCTION IN 1976 CHINESE STEEL
PRODUCTION WAS FIGURE CHINESE GAVE TAKAMARA MORITAIF ASSOCIA-
TION FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE THAT PRODUCTION
OF GOOD QUALITY STEEL WAS DOWN 30 PER CENT. ICHIKAWA SAID THAT
INAYAMA HAD TOLD HIM THAT CHINESE PRODUCTION OF SUCH STEELS WAS
ONLY ABOUT 13 MILLION TONS A YEAR; IF THIS AMOUNT IS REDUCED BY
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30 PERCENT TOTAL PRODUCTION COMES TO ABOUT 21 MILLION TONS.
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